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SUBJECT: JAPANESE GENERALS VISITING TAIWAN

1. MARCH 12 CHINA POST REPORTS A GROUP OF SIXTEEN JAPANESE GENERALS FROM THE SELF DEFENSE FORCE, HEADED BY GENERAL MATSUO MATSUMAI, ARRIVED IN TAIWAN MARCH 9 AT THE INVITATION OF GEN CHIANG WEI-KUO, COMMANDANT OF THE ARMED FORCES UNIVERSITY (AND PREMIER CHIANG CHING-KUO'S HALF-BROTHER). ARTICLE STATES THEIR VISIT HERE IS PART OF A TOUR OF SOUTHEAST ASIA. MATSUMAI REPORTEDLY LAUDED THE PROGRESS OF THE ROC, CALLED ITS FUTURE BRIGHT, AND SAID THAT FARSIGHTED JAPANESE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH THE ROC TO FIGHT AGAINST COMMUNISM.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE UNABLE TO CAST ANY LIGHT ON THIS REPORTED VISITATION. URABE, HEAD OF THE JAPANESE INTERCHANGE ASSOCIATION IN TAIPEI.

PROFESSED TO BE TOTALLY UNAWARE OF GROUP'S PRESENCE IN TAIWAN WHEN
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OCCASION,
CHINESE ARMY CINC, GEN MA, AS WELL AS MOFA PROTOCOL CHIEF,
CLAIMED TO BE SIMILARLY UNINFORMED.

IN PAST, GOJ HAS APPEARED TO BE HIGHLY SENSITIVE TO ANY OVERT
OFFICIAL CONTACTS WITH GROC. CERTAINLY, IF ANY RANKING SELF
DEFENSE FORCES HAVE VISITED HERE EARLIER, THEY HAVE STUDIOUSLY
AVOIDED ANY PUBLICITY. UNGER

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